

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6, the Department of Human Services rescinds Chapter 159, “Child Care Resource and Referral Grants Program,” and adopts Chapter 159, “Child Care Resource and Referral Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment rescinds and replaces the chapter on grants for the operation of regional resource and referral agencies to support child care services. The new chapter reflects current state contracting procedures. The current contractors have been operating under “sole source” contracts, a practice which is no longer allowed. The Department plans to issue a request for proposals early in 2010 to reprocur these services. The new chapter supports those requirements. It does not alter the current scope of services provided to parents, providers and communities by the child care resource and referral agencies.

These rules do not provide for waivers in specified situations because the rules must conform to state contracting requirements in Iowa Code chapter 8A and Department of Administrative Services rules at 11—Chapters 106 and 107.

Notice of Intended Action on this amendment was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 13, 2010, as **ARC 8459B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action except for a change in the address in subrule 159.4(1) from “Bureau of Child Care and Community Services” to “Bureau of Child Care” due to the Department’s recent restructuring.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on March 10, 2010.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 237A.26.

These rules will become effective on June 1, 2010.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these rules [Ch 159] is being omitted. With the exception of the change noted above, these rules are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8459B**, IAB 1/13/10.

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